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TAGS: PFOR, GE, GW

SUBJECT: GDR PRESS ATTACKS LEBER

1. GDR MEDIA JUNE 22 EDITORIALY ACCUSED FRG DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER OF REVIVING COLD WAR POLEMICS TO CDU/ CSU APPLAUSE IN PRESENTING FRG' S DEFENSE BUDGET TO BUNDESTAG ON JUN 18. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AS USUAL LED ATTACK, LABELING LEBER' S SPEECH A " MALICIOUS AND MALEVOLENT" EFFORT DESIGNED TO GIVE COMFORT TO ENEMIES OF DETENTE AND PROFIT TO WEST GERMAN " MILITARY- INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX." PARTICULARLY FOCUSING ON LEBER' S CONTENTION THAT SOVIET UNION' S POWER POLITICS" DISPLAYED EXPANSIONIST TENDENCIES AND POSED POSSIBLE THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY, ND TOOK LEBER TO TASK FOR IGNORING " GREAT INITIATIVES OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT" TOWARD PROMPTING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCES, SECURITY, ARMS LIMITATION AND TROOP REDUCTION. LEBER' S CRITICISM OF EAST GERMAN DEFENSE AND YOUTH PROGRAMS ALSO DREW ND' S FIRE FOR ALLEGEDLY MISREPRESENTING GDR' S POLICIES AS WELL AS NEGLECTING ITS " MANY CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE,

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SECURITY AND DETENTE IN EUROPE," INCLUDING ITS INITIATIVES
TOWARD " NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE FRG."

2. MOST INTERESTING ASPECT OF ATTACKS ON FRG DEFENSE
MINISTER, IN OUR VIEW, LAYS NOT IN FAMILIAR RAILINGS AGAINST
" MILITARIST AND REVANCHIST" CIRCLES IN FRG, BUT IN APPARENT
GDR ATTEMPTS TO DRIVE WEDGES WITHIN SPD. ALTHOUGH IMPLYING
LEBER MAY BE LATTER- DAY NOSKE AND DELIBERATELY LUMPING HIM
WITH STRAUSS AND CDU/ CSU, GDR MEDIA STUDIOUSLY AVOIDED
CRITICISM OF SPD AS SUCH, EVEN GOING SO FAR AS TO LAUD
FAINTLY THOSE SPD ELEMENTS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH LEBER ON
NATO, THE SOVIET THREAT AND FRG DEFENSE POLICY. TOGETHER
WITH HONECKER- WEHNER MEETING AND PASSAGE IN COMMUNIQUE ON
GIEREK' S VISIT TO EAST BERLIN (SEPTEL) RE IMPORTANCE OF
DEVELOPING BETTER CONTACTS BETWEEN COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST,
AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES " IN INTERESTS OF STRENGTHENING
SECURITY AND PEACE," THIS APPROACH SUGGESTS THAT EAST
GERMAN POLITICAL STRATEGY TOWARDS FRG MAY NOW SEEK TO COM-
BINE DEFENSIVE TACTICS OF ABGRENZUNG WITH MORE ACTIVE
PROBING OF SPD RANKS. KLEIN

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